

Remarks

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments, and consideration of the application, as amended. By this amendment claims 1-51 were canceled and new claims 52-64 were introduced.

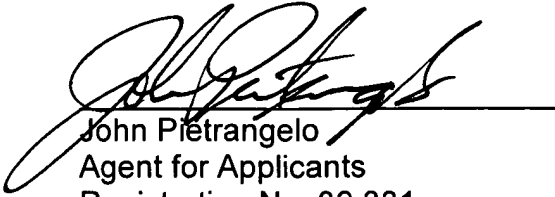
Claims 52-64 are now pending in this application.

Response to Rejections in the Office Action

In the above-referenced Office Action, the Patent Office Rejected then-pending claims 21-48 as anticipated and/or obvious by what is disclosed in U.S. Patent 4,715,546, of Kvalvik [herein "Kvalvik"] or obvious in view of what is disclosed by Kvalvik combined with teachings of U.S. Patent 4,575,882 of Diamond [herein "Diamond"]. The Applicant submits that the above amendments distinguish the claimed invention from what is disclosed, taught, or suggested by Kvalvik and Diamond individually or in combination.

The Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits of the application is requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant's undersigned Agent invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,


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